


TOWER UPDATE

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MISSION FAIR *cont. page 7*

High Street members have a passion for helping others and we would like to share our passion with all. There will be a Mission Fair Sunday, February 23rd in Parish Hall following the first service and continuing through 12 NOON. There will be a meal served with a free will offering hosted by Tanzania Mission Team. Please contact Pastor Daryl for more information.

 **HOSPITALIZED RECENTLY** and giving High Street Church as their preference: Jim Lambert, Paula Smith (*IUH Ball Memorial Hospital*).

Bishop McCleskey

On Sunday, March 2, we are privileged to welcome Bishop J. Lawrence McCleskey to preach in all three services. Bishop McCleskey is coming as part of an emphasis in our Indiana Conference about Africa University.

He retired as a bishop of the United Methodist Church in 2008 after serving for forty-five years. His ministry has been marked by emphases in education, mission, and racial reconciliation.

He and his wife, Margaret have been active supporters of Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. In his retirement, Bishop McCleskey is serving as Executive Vice-President for Development for Africa University, working with annual conferences and individual donors across United Methodism to raise funds for scholarships, endowment, and capital projects for Africa University.

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
8:30 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

If you are a committee chair, a leader in a Sunday School class, a circle leader, a leader in a small group, or just wanting to grow, you are invited to participate in our Leadership Retreat being held in Parish Hall.

That morning you can expect to:

- share in an opening worship with communion;
- examine your own spiritual practices;
- learn how groups are different;
- learn how to keep groups on track;
- learn some of the various orientations and strengths people bring to meetings;
- learn how to monitor group interaction;
- hear an update on our capital campaign;
- hear an update on our four objectives;
- hear an update on our Fruitful Congregation Journey;
- receive a book; and
- be invited to join a group later to engage in discussion with our Fruitful Congregation Journey team.

Church Council

Our Church Council will hold its initial meeting of the year on March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Church Council members are encouraged to enjoy the Shrove Tuesday meal and program in Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. and then convene at 7:00 p.m. in the Promiseland Room on the third floor.

Larry's Last Supper

In a chaplain position, one is called to respond to a patient's need, and the reality of that call can unfold into a unique story of change, hope, and promise. This is such a story.

As a hospice chaplain, I received a call from a case manager to visit a hospice patient. The man named Larry was in his fifties, and had liver failure. He was being assisted by his best friend Jim, and lived in a one bedroom apartment in a small town in Arizona. On first visits as a chaplain to a hospice patient, questions are asked for spiritual assessment. The patient can decline further visits, but this patient wasn't quite sure whether he wanted to decline. I literally walked into a man's last chapter of his story when his front door closed behind me.

Outside his abode was a very good-looking, dressed out Harley Davidson motorcycle. I knocked on the door, and was greeted by his best friend, Jim. I explained the reason for my visit, and sat down at the small kitchen table. Larry was sitting at the table with me. I started the conversation by asking questions about his bike. This opened up a flood of stories about his life. He was a small man with a long ponytail pulled back with a rubber band. A dark blue bandanna crossed his forehead tied in back. His middle was swollen revealing the effects of the liver not functioning. There were lines of a hard life traced on his face, and when it came to spiritual questions, Larry grew very quiet. By his short answers, I assumed I wouldn't be back, but when I asked him if I could return, he said, "yes." I sensed there was more to his story.

As I left, his friend followed me outside, and shared some interesting facts about Larry's life. Larry had been a hard drug user and alcoholic for many years, yet eleven years ago he stopped using drugs, cleaned up his life, and changed his life direction. Yet, the long use of drugs and alcohol had taken its toll, and at the age of 51, Larry was dying.

It was a warm sunny day as I traveled to his town the next week. The bike was parked, resting in the drive way like a lone comrade waiting for its master. I knocked on Larry's door. Jim answered, and I found Larry resting on the couch. He greeted me with a smile, and slowly made his way to the table again. Road stories were told, jokes were shared, and I realized that Larry knew that his time was short. I leaned over and asked Larry what he thought of God. He looked at me with curious eyes. "I'm not sure. But don't you think God was with me when I went off booze and drugs?" I marveled at his answer, and said, "Yes."

"Don't you think God cared enough about me to change me?"

I whispered, "Yes."

"And don't you think God is with me now?"

I smiled, "Yes."

He looked at me again with penetrating eyes and said, "If only I could tell others to stay away from booze and drugs. It's too late for me."

I closed my eyes. My heart was captured by such honesty, and childlike faith of his answers. I was the student now reading the last chapter. I was silenced by his revelation of a life lived on the wild side, and a moment of a promise waiting to be given.

I reached out and patted his hand. "It's not too late. I will share your story whenever I can. Do I have your permission to do that?" He smiled and nodded his head.

I asked him that day if there was anything I could do for him. He looked at me with a mischievous grin. "I would like some Japanese food. Can you get me some... today?"

I answered with a "yeah sure." "Where do I go, and what do you want?" He wrote out a list of food, and off I went.

At the restaurant, I gathered up the small white cartons, and once again met Jim at Larry's door. I spread the feast out on the table, and it reminded me of a Thanksgiving dinner. Larry found the chopsticks, and dug in deep. He was in his own world, chopsticks flying. I watched a man totally absorbed by the cuisine. He slowly stopped, and told me he was going to save the remainder of this meal for later. He thanked me and went to the sofa. Our session was over. I told him I would return next week. I knew he had a hospital appointment the next day, and I assured him I would see him again.

But with hospice patients, assumptions can be wrong. The next morning Larry entered the hospital, and the procedure was too much for his failing body. He went into a coma, and died that night. When the phone call came to the hospice office, I was sad, yet relieved that his suffering had ended.

I sent a sympathy card to Jim with a poem dedicated to Larry. After several weeks, I drove passed Larry's small apartment. His lone companion was gone, the curtains were closed, and the remnants of a simple traveler were erased, yet not in my memory.

I realized that day the tremendous impact of my meetings with Larry; the honesty of a fellow explorer on the road of life; the promise to share his last chapter, and how his simple questions had changed someone who thought she had answers about God.

And with all the uncertainties, questions, doubts and feelings about God that can stall one's heart, I remember a Thanksgiving meal in the middle of July; chopsticks flying, and a last supper. And as I left I could hear Larry saying, "Don't you think God is with me now?"

til we meet again, Deborah

LENT BEGINS MARCH 5

In our Ash Wednesday service on March 5, we will begin our Lenten journey. That evening we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. for a service that will involve the Sanctuary Choir, the imposition of ashes, and the celebration of Holy Communion. Pastor Mendenhall will be preaching on "Alarm Fatigue."

BE A FRIEND BY EDGAR GUEST

One of our greatest blessings is to have friends. Edgar Guest, an English-born American poet, 1881-1959, was known as the People's Poet and wrote several "folksy" verses about friendship. This one is a poem my aunt and I read to each other when I was a child...

Be a friend. You don't need money;
Just a disposition sunny;
Just the wish to help another
Get along some way or other;
Just a kindly hand extended
Out to one who's unbefriended;
Just the will to give or lend,
This will make you someone's friend.

Be a friend. You don't need glory.
Friendship is a simple story.
Pass by trifling errors blindly,
Gaze on honest effort kindly,
Cheer the youth who's bravely trying,
Pity him who's sadly sighing;
Just a little labor spend
On the duties of a friend.

Be a friend. The pay is bigger
(Though not written by a figure)
Than is earned by people clever
In what's merely self-endeavor.
You'll have friends instead of neighbors
For the profits of your labors;
You'll be richer in the end
Than a prince, if you're a friend.

Patsy Smith

BY PEARL E. ARES

It's love that makes
The world go round,
and love is based
On friendship sound;
If everyone
would be a friend
To everyone until the end,
then fear and strife
would hide away
And harmony would rule the day.

Sydney Wulff

GAVE MY LIFE TO GOD

I gave my life to God at the age of 13. Most of the kids in Morningside attended a Methodist Church and MYF was the place to be on Sunday night. As a youth my brother and I walked to church and MYF. It was the thing to do in Morningside. I married at the age of 18 and made poor choices but was blessed with my first child. After a divorce I left behind my spiritual knowledge until I met a man of God. We married and have been married 28 years.

In 1999 I had open heart surgery and found God was with me. I crashed in the middle of the night and I don't remember anything but the anesthesiologist whose name was Dr. Dove and he looked like Jesus with a beard and soft voice which told me I would be OK and I was.

What a friend we have in Jesus. He is by our side through all and forgives us unconditionally. I now love and serve my Lord with all my heart. God has made me a Blessing. A song which goes: "Make me a blessing, make me a blessing, out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing, O Savior I pray. Oh make me a blessing to someone today."

God bless you and keep you in His arms.

Anonymous

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Ministry at Ball State

THANK YOU!

As the new semester begins at Ball State, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your help pioneering the ministry of the CCO and the Cardinal UMC Board. Thanks especially for your prayers and networking. I have been blessed with building relationships and making inroads with the administration at BSU and my colleagues leading other Campus Ministries.

Our first semester at Ball State has been exhilarating. I had the privilege of meeting over 100 students throughout the campus and our seven Muncie UMC churches. During these meetings and gatherings I have been able to:

- *Learn the spiritual climate and needs on our campus.*
- *Discern “unreached” areas of the student population.*
- *Recruit and develop student leaders that can share the CCO vision.*
- *Gather students or meet individually for prayer; study, worship and service.*
- *Counsel students on relationships and vocation.*

LOOKING AHEAD

I am excited about the semester ahead of us. We already have students registered to travel to Pittsburgh for the CCO Jubilee Student Conference. This immersive experience will give them a greater sense of the impact that we can make on this campus and in the world.

Please pray for us as we:

- *Have weekly small group meetings at strategic locations on campus.*
- *Continue to recruit and nurture student leaders.*
- *Reach students not connected to a church family or campus ministry.*
- *File for Recognition as an Official Student Organization.*

It is a joy to be partners in ministry with you and co-laborers in this Kingdom endeavor.

Your servant in Christ,

Bob Riggles

Love to Stay

LOVE TO STAY
SEX, GRACE, AND COMMITMENT

MONDAY EVENINGS, 6:45 – 7:45 P.M.
MARCH 3, 10, 17, 31, APRIL 7 & 14

Falling in love is easy, but staying in love takes courage, hard work, and lots of grace!

These six evenings for married and engaged couples will feature video presentations by Adam Hamilton and will be facilitated by Pastor Mendenhall.

Topics include:

- More Than a Piece of Paper
- What She Wants, What He Wants
- The Significance of Sexual Intimacy
- Habits That Hurt, Habits That Heal
- Clothe, Bear With, Forgive
- A Love That Lasts

The High Street Food Pantry

The High Street Food Pantry needs:

- **Soup**
- **Pasta/Meat in a can**
- **Powdered Milk**
- **Spaghetti**
- **Beans: Kidney, Pinto, Red, Northerns, and Black**
- **Pork and Beans**
- **Apple Sauce**
- **Children’s Books**
- **Adult Novels**



Please leave donations in the wicker baskets at the North Door entrance and in the Narthex.

Don’t forget Brown Bag Sunday is Mar. 2

Update Learning

The spring session of Update Learning begins March 24th and runs through April 28th. Brochures will go out the week of March 3rd in the mail with Tower Topics. Our theme this year is Heavenly Spring!

Be looking for the brochure to come!

Thanks Deborah

Mark Your Calendars!

The High Street Church Spring Carnival will be held on Saturday, March 15th, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. This year's theme is Swing into Spring!

HOSPITAL ALERTS

If you or someone you know from the church goes into the hospital, PLEASE call the church office and let us know. The hospital does NOT notify us when one of our members goes in, so we might find out from someone else the day after you went home. We would rather get 3 calls about someone being at BMH than never to get one.

PANTRY HELP

Looking for a way to volunteer? The pantry is looking for help one day a month. The pantry is open Monday and Tuesday from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Please contact Merrilyn McNary if you are interested in helping out the ministry in a great way!

Service Times

8:30-9:30 Traditional Worship

9:45-10:45 Sunday School

9:45-10:30 Chapel Worship

11:00-Noon Contemporary Worship

High Street Travelers

New 2014 Trips:

- FEB 27: RING OF FIRE JOHNNY CASH**
LACOMEDIA \$75/Person
- APR 12: GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY – FT**
WAYNE VERA BRADLEY \$40/Person
- MAY 14: INDLPS IN THE MONTH OF MAY**
\$75/Person
- JUNE 11: MYSTERY TRIP** \$75/Person
- JUNE 17 – 20:**
DOOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ISLAND & LAMBEAU FIELD WIS
3 NGTS / 6 MEALS / ATTRACTION
& GRATUITIES \$638 PER/DBL
- JUL 9: BEEF & BOARDS: CHURCH**
BASEMENT LADIES IV \$75/Person
- AUG 6: QUILT GARDENS OF ELKHART**
COUNTY \$75/Person
- AUG 8 – 17: DANUBE RIVER CRUISE HURRY**
– SHIP IS ALMOST FULL!
- SEPT 4 – 10: CIVIL WAR TO CIVIL RIGHTS:**
GETTYSBURG & WASHINGTON, DC
6 NGHTS / 11 MEALS / ATTRACTIONS
\$ 1049 PER / DBL OCC
- SEPT 17: MYSTERY TRIP** \$75/Person
- OCT 8: “MADE IN AMERICA:**
FACTORIES, FALL AND FOOD”
\$75/Person
- OCT 17 – 19: HOLMES COUNTY, OH &**
LONGABERGER BASKETS
\$499 DBL PER
- NOV 8-15: COASTAL GEORGIA MISSION TRIP**
NEW!! LODGING / MEALS / SERVICE
PROJECT / Starting at \$750 + transportation
- NOV 12: BEEF & BOARDS: FIDDLER ON**
THE ROOF \$75/Person
- DEC 3: BEEF & BOARDS: CHRISTMAS**
CELEBRATION \$ 75/Person

For reservations/information, contact High Street Church at 765-747-8500 or dheeter2ballstate.bsu.edu. *Tours are open to the Public, Clubs and Groups!* Coordinator: Deb Heeter

MISSION FAIR...cont.

Participants

Kid's Hope
Journey Home Jamaica
Youth Mission Trip/Jamaica
Joy in the Harvest Mission Trip
Africa University
Campus Crusade for Christ
High Street Food Pantry
High Street Samaritan Fund
Creation Care Ministry
United Methodist Women
Cardinal Campus Ministry
Teamwork for Quality Living
Christian Ministries
Summer Lunch Program

Tanzania Mission Team will serve Breakfast Casserole from 9:30 until it runs out. Sloppy Joes, chips and "walking" finger desserts will be served starting at 10:30—a free will offering will be accepted. At 12:15 Pastor Mendenhall will present Bob Riggles of Cardinal Campus Ministries a check from High Street that will support outreach and ministries at Ball State University.

If anyone is interested in helping set up/clean up please contact Pastor Daryl Gilbert.

Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday

There will be a pancake dinner at 6pm in Parish Hall on March 4th, it will be hosted by the Tanzania Mission Team with a free will offering and guest Speaker Bob Riggles.

Ash Wednesday Service will be held March 5th at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Door Volunteer for Wednesday Night

Our "church mouse" Josh has night classes Wednesday night this semester. We are looking for a person who would be willing to sit at the door on Wednesday nights to let in groups. Please contact the church office today for more information and to volunteer.

Upcoming Youth Events

- Feb. 18:** Confirmation class meets
7:15-8:45 P.M.
- Feb. 23:** Youth Council 5:00-6:00
The Grove 6:00-8:00
- Feb. 25:** Confirmation class meets
7:15-8:45 P.M.
- Mar. 2:** SAF at Gethsemane 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 4:** Confirmation class meets
7:15-8:45 P.M.
- Mar. 8:** Confirmation class trip to
the Bishop's Youth Rally
- Mar. 9:** Youth Council 5:00-6:00
The Grove 6:00-8:00

Thank You!

The youth would like to thank all who joined us for the Pacer's game on the 7th, those who have purchased Candygrams, keychains, or Christmas ornaments over the last couple of months, and the Sunday school classes who have enthusiastically been participating in Sunday school wars! Thanks to you all, we are about 2/3 of the way towards our fundraising goal for our Jamaica missions trip! Please visit us at our table at the Missions Fair on the 23rd to learn more about youth missions and meet some of our Jamaica team!

Thank You!

UMW thanks all - the cooks, workers and very generous customers - who supported the Bake Sale on Feb. 9. Because of your generosity the Samaritan Fund received \$465.00. Job well done!

